

What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

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Hello everyone! Greetings from beautiful Baltimore! As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Whitman Expo is taking place over the next few days here.

A few folks have asked me how to get on my newsletter mailing list. If you know anyone that wants to be added they simply have to write me an email at shanna@shannaschmidt.com to be added for the following week.

Whitman Expo - Baltimore Coin Show (March 30-April 2)

I've only been here one day and from the dealers I spoke with all were happy with the initial activity at the show. This was my first time attending the Baltimore show and while there are very few ancient dealers that attend, it is more popular with each passing year. I threw around the idea of exhibiting here however since I've only been on my own for six months I thought it best to walk the show. This gives me an opportunity to get around to see my fellow dealers and sell a few of my coins. On the flip side it doesn't allow for me to meet with prospective new customers so easily which is a good reason to exhibit in future years!

The official auction of the show is held by Stack's Bowers. I didn't attend this as the focus is on U.S. Coins & Currency. Perhaps in future years if more dealers of ancient coins start attending there will be an auction that satisfies this market.

Nonetheless if you live in the area and are interested in ancient coins it is worth a trip out. There is plenty to see from my fellow ancient dealers.

The future Whitman Coin & Collectibles Expo will be in June (22-25), November (9-12) and March 2018 (22-25).

Chicago Coin Expo (CCE) - (April 5-8)

I will be exhibiting at this inaugural show at the CCE as my fellow dealer Victor England has graciously invited me to join him at his table. **Please come by the CNG booth (table 11 and 12) in Preston Bradley Hall to see me and my stock of coins! I**

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I'm thrilled to have a real international show in downtown Chicago again. Chicago is great city and I know that everyone attending is certain to have fun and hopefully find some great coins.

Coin of the Week

The coin this week is a double sestertius of Aurelian and Severina. At first glimpse this coin may not seem to be anything so special, however, the denomination is quite the rarity. This is a seldom seen type and this coin on offer comes with a lovely old pedigree to match. It is from the 1936 auction of Adolph Hess in Lucerne.

Aurelian and Severina. 270-275 AD. Rome Mint. Æ Double Sestertius, 15.25g (31mm, 6h). IMP AVRELIANVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust of Aurelian right / SEVERINA AVG Draped and diademed bust of Severina right, resting on crescent.

Pedigree: Adolph Hess Auction 230 (Lucerne), 28-30 April 1936, lot 1869

Price: \$7,200

Aurelian, though reasonably unknown to the laity, stands as a colossal figure of the third century Roman Empire and as one of the most significant personages in the annals of Roman imperial figureheads. His reign was brief (270-275), but within it forged a new future for the Roman Empire, ensuring its survival until the final fall of Constantinople in 1453.

He was a soldier emperor, and under his leadership the Roman army ably drove out invaders that had proceeded so far south as the Italian peninsula. He drove hordes of Goths, Visigoths, and Vandals back from Roman territory across the Danube; he defeated the Macromanni and the Quadi, forcing the German tribesmen north of the Rhine once again. Moreover, he all but forced the resurgent Parthians back into their lands east of the Tigris and Euphrates. In short, he restored the Roman Empire, which had been teetering on the brink of total collapse to its position as mistress of the Western World. Evidence of his military prowess may still be seen in Rome to this day, as the massive edifice known as the Aurelian Wall encircles what was once the boundary of that great city. Despite his achievements, and, indeed, it is possible that he would have brought even more power, possessions, and peoples under Rome.

References: RIC 1; C 1

Grade: Rare in this denomination. Dark brown patina on side of Aurelian and green patina on side with Severina. Pleasant surfaces. Good VF

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Until next week!
Shanna

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